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## AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 4 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 7-13 as follows:

on a vehicle having, an engine longitudinally mounted on said vehicle for outputting a driving power therefor from a crankshaft, a clutch directly and mechanically connected to said crankshaft for engaging and disengaging said driving power, a